



## ALIAMANU/ SALT LAKE/ FOSTER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 18

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015 OAHU VETERANS CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Lennard Pepper called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. **Quorum was established with seven (7) members present.** Note: This nine (9) member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present: Larry Baird, Gloria Borland, Dennis Egge, Kendrick Go (Arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Patti Igawa, Lennard Pepper, Roderick Spadinger and David Yomes.

Board Members Absent: Marcia Tagavilla.

Guests: David Czar, Jeremy Michelson (Oceanit), Franz Kraitz (City Department of Planning and Permitting, Transit Oriented Development), Randall Wakumoto (City Department of Facility Maintenance), Kenneth Kaneshiro, Representative Aaron Johanson, Gloria Yang (Board of Water Supply), Kim Randall (SERVCO), Bob Cunningham (Foster Village Neighborhood Security Watch), Representative Aaron Johanson, Lieutenant B. West and Sergeant K. Kessler (Honolulu Police Department, District 5-Kalihi); Pat Lee (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation), Assistant Superintendent Dann Carlson (Department of Education, Office of School Facilities and Support Services), Firefighters Kyle Menseling, Jonathan Kam, Darren Tanaka and Captain Hosaka (Honolulu Fire Department E30-Moanalua); Kaisen Nakagawa, Representative Linda Ichiyama, Senator Glenn Wakai, Mitchel Cabrerros (Office of Councilmember Joey Manahan), Eric Ching (Contractor), Victor Flint (NAVFAC), Zoe (Videographer) and Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Roll Call of Board Members: Quorum was established with five (5) members present.

#### CITY AND COUNTY POLICE/FIRE:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): Firefighter Darren Tanaka reported the following:

- September 2015 Fire Statistics: There were 0 structure fire, 1 wildland fire, 1 rubbish fire and 0 vehicle fires; 102 medical, 3 search and rescues, and 30 miscellaneous calls for service. No major or unusual incidents.
- Fire Safety Tip: When selecting a Halloween costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If making a Halloween costume, select materials that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame. If a child is wearing a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough to see out. Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of the costume. In a Jack-o-lantern it is safer to use a flashlight or battery-operated candles. Use extreme caution if using real candles. Supervise children at all times when candles are lit.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Activated Fire Alarms: A resident asked and Captain Hosaka answered that an activated alarm is an alarm that goes off, with no fire such as when cooking and the smoke alarm goes off.
2. Today's Traffic Jam West Bound: Pepper asked about the cause for the traffic jam today and HFD responded. Captain Hosaka had no information. Lieutenant West replied that a Matson container had caught fire.

**7:10 p.m. Chair Baird returned to the meeting Vice Chair Pepper relinquished the gavel to Chair Baird; six (6) members present.**

**7:11 p.m. Board member Yomes returned to the meeting room; seven (7) members present.**

#### Honolulu Police Department (HPD)

District 3, Pearl City: No representative present; no report provided.

HPD District 5, Kalihi: Lieutenant B. West reported the following:

- September 2015 Crime Statistics: There were 5 motor vehicle thefts, 3 burglaries, 14 thefts, and 12 (up 9) unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV); totaling 665 calls for service.
- Safety Tip: Everyone was reminded to continue to be vigilant regarding hurricanes and tropical storms. Lt. West explained devices sold to help with storing water in the tub and camping water purifier to save water.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. HPD Emergency Brochure: Egge noted that HPD has produced an emergency brochure and asked if copies were available. Lt. West suggested visiting [www.honoluluupd.org](http://www.honoluluupd.org) and link onto government information. Lt. West will follow up.
2. Beat Statistics: Resident Bob Cunningham asked if statistics for Foster Village could be provided. Lt. West noted that Foster Village is under D3 Pearl City.
3. Salt Lake District Park Graffiti: Yomes reported that last Saturday, the gym was found covered with graffiti. Photos were provided to Li. West to follow up if the tags could be identified. Yomes believes that juveniles attend area schools. Yomes mentioned speaking with Councilmember Manahan for a Saturday clean-up. HPD increase patrols at the park during the evening hours.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Without objections, the September 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes were APPROVED as amended, 7-0-0 (**Aye**: Baird, Borland, Egge, Igawa, Pepper, Spadinger, and Yomes; **Nay**: 0; **Abstain**: 0). The amendments are:

- Page 2, Questions, comments and concerns followed 1, 3rd sentence should read, "...remove **that**..."
- Page 4, Apologies should read, "...Board member Baird apologized **for** speaking sharply to Chair Yomes at the. Delete **for** before Chair Yomes.....

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Department of Education (DOE): Assistant Superintendent Office of School Facilities and Support Services, Dann Carlson reported the following:

- Radford High School Track: Carlson is unhappy with the progress of the track completion. Carlson noted that the track is near completion. A hearing will soon be held due a Department of Health (DOH) violation. It has been a long and arduous work with the DOH and the Navy. There has been a rash of cable stealing of copper at the construction sites.
- Heat Abating Classrooms: The DOE is doing everything to get classroom relief from the heat for students. A solution is with mechanical cooling per classroom. However, due to electrically aging infrastructure, upgrades would be costly. Some schools are unable to support portable air conditioners.
- Budget: \$30 million for heat abatement efforts will be requested for in next year's budget.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Point of Contact: Chair Baird asked for a point of contact and if updates could be provided at the Board's monthly meetings
2. Contaminated Grounds: Chair Baird asked and Carlson replied that the BOE has been briefed about the ground contamination at schools and all measures taken regarding this situation.
3. Radford High Schools Track Completion: Chair Baird asked and Carlson answered either October/November 2015. Chair Baird asked the elected officials for updates on the completion of the track. Representative Johanson replied that it was reported at the last working group meeting that completion dates would be June/July 2016. Meetings are held every three (3) weeks. Borland noted hearing complaints that the contractor is either incompetent or purposely pushing the date out. Carlson replied that the staff thinks creatively. There is a two (2) step low bid process and a new procurement system. Currently, Per the procurement the lowest bidder is awarded the contract. The second step would create a list of qualified contractors to bid. The DOE is aware of the contractor.
3. Issues: a) Pepper asked where does Radford High School and Makalapa Elementary Schools stand on list of hot schools. Pepper inquires if there are any consequences for the contractor for not completing a project on time. Carlson replied that the usual fine is \$1,000 per day. Pepper questioned if the DOE considered consequences for the contractor if the work is not completed on schedule. Pepper stated that if a contractor is fly by (fly by night) the money should not be paid. Carlson noted unable to speak about the contractor per the Attorney General. b) Pepper commented that the stolen contaminated soil was

taken by people not connected with the project. Carlson answered that the contaminated soil was not stolen and authorized to be removed. Carlson advised everyone to be careful what one hears from the media.

4. Makalapa Elementary School Construction: Pepper called attend to the indications that the soil at this school is potentially contaminated. Carlson answered that the contamination was discovered when the dirt piled on top started to erode; the area is walled in. Pepper asked that the Board be kept informed and if the project is delayed that consequences be given to the contractor.
5. Heat Abatement: Spadinger asked about the leaders and Carlson replied that a partnership with industry contractors is an option with possible tax benefits. Another option is a lease with the DOE with one (1) company. Carlson stated that portable classroom are very hot.
6. Start of School Year: Egge commented that according to the DOE, the next school year will start in August. Egge pointed out that the State office of Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) sets standards for work places, but classrooms are exempt. Government employees have a right to walk off the job if OHSA regulations are violated. Egge recommended going back to the school quarter system. Carlson noted that there are other factors besides the heat, but will take the sentiments back to the DOE.
7. Solar Air Conditioning: Borland suggested solar air conditioning and Carlson noted that the DOE is looking into that option.

7:40 p.m. Yomes departed the meeting; **six (6) members present.**

8. Soil Provisions: Contractor Eric Ching asked if soil contaminated provisions are included in the contract. Carlson answered yes, that administrative rules are in place.
9. Comment: A resident noted that the Radford High School football field was a dump site since 1939. The field was contaminated 25 years prior to MEI Construction digging the site. It was pointed out that the blame lies with the DOH and the State. Chair Baird added that a white substance was found in the soil. Eight (8) feet of contaminated dirt was dumped over the soil by the Navy before the school was built. Unfortunately, that was a wrong decision. The Board understands the issue. However, it is unknown what was dumped because no records were kept down further to six (6) feet of the covered soil. Representative Johanson was thanked for the reply.

7:43 p.m. Yomes returned to the meeting; **seven (7) members present.**

#### GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Director Gary Nakata reported the following:

- Congratulations: Larry Baird was congratulated as the new Board Chair.
- Transit Oriented Development Workshops: Director Nakata deferred the announcement to Franz Krintz.
- Salt Lake Boulevard Widening: Director Kroning of the City Department of Design and Construction will be attending the November 2015 Board meeting. On Friday, September 4, 2015 a roundtable with the Legislature to discuss solutions was held. The Board of Education (BOE) was briefed on Sunday, September 6, 2015. \$20 million has been re-allocated for heat abatement, with schools with the most issues regarding the heat prioritized. Mokulele Elementary, Nimitz Elementary and Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary Schools have been added to the list.

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Community Workshop 2: Franz Krintz announced that Halawa Area Community Workshop 2 will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Aloha Stadium Hospitality Room (99-500 Salt Lake Boulevard). The last workshop was held in March 2015 with scenarios discussed are being worked on with the City promoting TOD increase and rail use. Meeting have been held with the Stadium Authority and key stakeholders. TOD would like public input on several concepts for new development, circulation improvements, and public spaces surrounding the Aloha Stadium rail station. For more information visit [www.honolulu.gov/tod](http://www.honolulu.gov/tod). A handout regarding the airport area TOD was also provided.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Comment: Pepper noted with respect to the TOD, the Board has difficulties with the integration of city and state. Krintz replied that work is being done monthly to share and integrate city ideas, the timeline and to consider all modes of transportation in a broader perspective than the States.

2. Puuwai Momi Housing: Pepper asked if the Puuwai Momi Housing is part of the expansion. Kraintz noted that the area increases density.
3. TOD Workshops: Regarding the upcoming workshop agenda, Pepper asked and Kraintz explained that at the workshops the City shares land use patterns and feedback generated from previous workshops.
4. TOD Beautification: Spadinger noted beautification mentioned at the last TOD meeting, and asked who is responsible for the beautification costs. Kraintz answered that the greenways, pathways and community gathering points will be maintained by the developers in the urban realm. Down the road maintenance will be undertaken by Capital improvement Projects (CIP) funds. The responsibility of the infrastructure developer needs to be negotiated.
5. Open Parking Spaces: Egge suggested surrounding the stadium with a parking structure.
6. Comment: Yomes mentioned attending the TOD meetings and asked what is being done regarding road repairs. Yomes asked if the Salt Lake community will pay the price for the TOD. Yomes pointed out that concerns about the completion of the Salt Lake Boulevard widening have fallen on deaf ears. Yomes stated that Kamehameha Highway is backed up and new businesses utilizing Salt Lake Boulevard will create more traffic.
7. Comment: Pepper noted not understanding the plans or what is happening to the Aloha Stadium. Pepper stated that it is not the responsibility of the City, but the State must solve the problem. Kraintz answered that waiting for a response from the State has caused the project delay. Pepper questioned how the City can realistically proceed without knowing what the State will do. Kraintz replied that the plan will address all concerns.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART): Pat Lee reported the following:

- First Responders: HART is working closely with all first responders, including police, fire, and other law enforcement agencies, as well as federal entities, such as the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Department of Homeland Security to insure passenger safety and security.
- Closed Circuit Security Cameras: Closed circuit security cameras will be featured on board train vehicles, as well as security cameras at the stations on the boarding platforms, stair cases, fare vending machines and entry gates and park and ride lots, about 1,500 CCTV cameras for the system. There will be a station attendant, and security patrols and closed-circuit camera monitoring of stations, trains, and also all park-and-ride facilities throughout the system. The Rail Operations Center (ROC) will be a high security area, and the rail computer system is a "closed" system with no outside connections, therefore cannot be hacked.
- Trains: On board the trains, there will be a call box and buttons for live communication with HART staff. If it is an emergency, public safety and first responders will be notified. Call buttons will be on the boarding platforms as well. HART's protocol for handling on-board emergencies and incidents depends on the gravity of the situation, but generally the persons involved will be taken out of the train (if possible) to the platform. If HART has to hold the train or station involved, there is an "abnormal strategy" plan to go around the incident area (on the vehicle or the station) and not hold up service. Only in extreme cases-like a "safety problem" with the train will the train itself be taken out of service (to the ROC) and passengers removed and boarded on the next train.
- Security: In addition, if it is a security related issue, the camera system tape would be downloaded at the end service and the tape sent to HPD. HART will have a security plan in place prior to the start of revenue passenger operations.
- Construction Highlights: These are the latest construction highlights for the first 10 miles of guideway: 361 of 495 foundations completed; 223 of 452 columns completed; 3,369 of 5,284 segments cast; 2,092 of 5,284 segments erected; and .177 of 440 spans completed.
- Shop and Dine on the Line Program: Just a reminder about the Shop and Dine on the Line program: It is designed to assist businesses along the rail alignment during construction by encouraging the public to patronize these stores and restaurants and use the discounts and other promotions these businesses are offering. Please visit: [www.shopanddineontheline.com](http://www.shopanddineontheline.com) for more details and a list of the participating businesses.
- Project Updates: For general project information, traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, please visit the website [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org), call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at [info@honolulutransit.org](mailto:info@honolulutransit.org).

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Aloha Stadium: Pepper understanding the strange sharing at the Aloha Stadium on event days, and asked what will happen in the future when the rail is completed. Lee responded that there will be 4, 000 parking stalls, four (4) park and rides with 600 parking spaces. Lee will follow up with specifics.
2. Salt Lake Boulevard: Chair Baird pointed that for the last two (2) U.H. football games and last Friday night Roadway Solutions put out signs and cones on (1) lane on Salt Lake Boulevard with no person from Kiewit around. Right turn from Salt Lake Boulevard on Kamehameha Highway was not allowed. Cars entering and leaving the stadium had the use of one (1) lane only. Chair Baird stated that something is wrong and nobody thinking about the Friday night football game. Lee will follow up.
3. Night Work Permit: Chair Baird asked and Lee will follow up regarding the timeframe on the night work permit. Lee replied that the time depends on the area of work and suggested checking the website at [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org) for details.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY: Gloria Yang reported the following:

1. Water Main Breaks: No water main breaks for the month of September 2015.
2. Watershed Management and Protection: Drinking water is the most precious resource and an essential part of our daily lives. The replenishment for the drinking water supply is heavily dependent on Oahu's Koolau and Waianae mountain ranges as two (2) of Oahu's vital watershed areas. These multi-layered mountain ecosystems recharge Oahu's groundwater supplies by capturing and retaining rainfall, allowing the water to seep into and replenish the island's underground aquifers. Therefore, we must all care for, protect and preserve these areas to ensure its continued existence for future generations. A handout explaining the characteristics of the watersheds and how to help protect them is available online at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). For more information call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
3. Watershed Protection Tips: Keep to trails when in the watersheds. Straying from trails can cause erosion and destroy native plant life. Participate in projects that remove invasive plants and animals to allow the recovery of native plants and animals. Conserve water every day, all year long. Water conservation reduces the need to use ground water that is essential for healthy watershed forests and stream ecosystems.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Comment: Pepper noted that in the six (6) publication, page 56 reads that a 26-inch main will be installed along Salt Lake Boulevard in Fiscal Year 2018. The section noted coordination with the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) for the improvements. Pepper asked for the name of the person coordinating from BWS with DDC. Yang will follow up.

Councilmember Joey Manahan: Mitchel Cabrerros reported that Councilmember Manahan will discuss the Salt Lake Boulevard project's draft Environmental Assessment (EA) at the Board's November meeting.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Petition Status: Borland asked the status of the petition submitted in the spring asking for more funding for HPD officers to patrol the Foster Village area. Cabrerros answered that a meeting was held with Police Chief Kealoha in March 2015 regarding increased patrols. Chief Kealoha responded that it is not a good idea to keep officers on the premises, rather than patrolling the entire area. Foster Village Neighborhood Security Watch Captain Cunningham relayed that patrols have increased temporarily, and waiting for an HPD budget increase for staff assigning one (1) officer to Foster Village. Chair Baird noted that follow up will be at the November 2015 Board meeting.
2. Salt Lake Boulevard: Pepper asked and follow up will be done regarding who is coordinating with BWs for Salt Lake Boulevard, how often are the meetings held, and the work plans.
3. Salt Lake District Park Graffiti: Yomes asked if there are any plans for a community paint out. Cabrerros replied that a schedule is being worked out for either this weekend or next. Cabrerros will notify Yomes and Parks and Recreation Committee Chair Go. Pepper asked to please contact resident Howard Shima who has been the areas graffiti buster.

Governor David Ige's Representative: Chair Baird reported receiving a Governor's newsletter late this afternoon and provide Board members with a copy. Chair Baird noted speaking with the Governor's secretary and requesting that a Governor's representative attend the Board meetings. Chair Baird noted pointing out that Governor's representative has not been present at any of the 33 Neighborhood Board meetings.

Senator Glenn Wakai: Senator Glenn Wakai circulated the newsletter and highlighted the following:

- Radford High School Unfinished Field: Radford football players and track team will not get to race across Velasco field until the summer of 2016. The Navy's clean-up was completed in April 2015, but are in a lingering dispute over unfinished work with the Department of Education (DOE). The Navy will return to lay sod on the field, while the DOE works on drain lines, curbing for the track, bleachers and sprinklers.
- Red Hill Fuel Leak: State and federal agencies linked a deal last week, which contends that will ensure the purity of the drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Health (DOH) announced a final agreement with the U.S. Navy requiring the military to take immediate and long-term steps to minimize the threat of future leaks. In two (2) years, the operating tanks will be upgraded in phases, and tanks not upgraded within the 20-year schedule will be taken out of service. Recent studies show a spike in levels of hydrocarbons, which the Navy claims meet federal and state drinking water standards. The problem with the assessment is that there are no set standards for acceptable amounts of hydrocarbons. Senator Wakai noted disappointment that the state did not take more aggressive position on this potential catastrophe.
- Aloha Stadium Redevelopment: There is a federal deed restriction connected with the Aloha Stadium property. Once the deed is lifted, at the end of October 2015 the property can be exchanged with the Fish and Wildlife Department. There is a seven (7) step process for the Aloha Stadium future. Cost to repair the stadium is about \$250 million. Pepper asked for updates.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Comment: Pepper asked for updates regarding plans for the Aloha Stadium.

Representative Linda Ichiyama: Representative Linda Ichiyama circulated the written report and highlighted the following: Flu Season: Everyone was reminded to prepare for the flu season by getting vaccinated and staying healthy. Included in the written report was places listed where flu shots are available.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Puuloa Road/Salt Lake Boulevard: Yomes noted that at a meeting held ideas were provided to the State Department of Transportation (HDOT) to mitigate the traffic. Yomes pointed out that at a couple of meetings ago suggested fixes that would work at this intersection were not included in the report. Yomes suggested a 90-day trial period using four (4) feet reflective delineators on Salt Lake Boulevard, which is cost efficient. Also, blocking lanes of traffic up to 25 miles per hour (mph) allowing driver from Mapunapuna to get to Salt Lake Boulevard during peak hour am/pm traffic. Also suggested was no left turns from Ala Napunani Street onto Ala Ilima Street during peak hours (3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) for a 90-day trial period. It was requested to place this issue on the Board's November agenda for further discussion. Chair Baird stated that at the September 2015 Transportation Committee meeting HDOT was a no show. Councilmember Manahan was asked to have HDOT set a meeting date, time and place and Board members would attend the meeting. The Board is being proactive to fix the problems before it happens to have smoother flowing traffic. Content in a letter from the Board was twisted by HDOT. Chair Baird expressed disappointment with HDOT for sidestepping the problem. The state needs to start stepping up and fix the problems relayed by people living in the area. Representative Ichiyama was asked to have HDOT set up a meeting. Egge pointed out that there is no problem getting out of the Salt Lake area, but getting back in. Egge noted that dedicated lane is needed and supported Yomes suggestions.
2. Traffic Concerns: Spadinger expressed concerns regarding the term conducting a traffic study. Spadinger wanted to know how long is the study, when will the study be completed and the designated site of the traffic study. Representative Ichiyama noted that the state is seeking community preferences for desired consensus to fix the problems. Spadinger asked how long the comment period is. Representative Ichiyama answered that discussion are ongoing and the sooner the consensus is received can move forward. Chair Baird noted that several suggestions, starting with those from Yomes could be implemented in a couple of weeks.
3. Comment: Borland opined that traffic study raises a red flag and suggested that an appointment and HDOT Director Fuchigami and Chair Baird be set up.
4. Transparency: Yomes expressed disappointment with the lack of transparency from Governor Ige and called attention to the fact that no Governor's representatives attend Board meetings. Yomes asked why the Governor is not working with the community. Yomes praised Mayor Caldwell for taking the hits, but continues to send representatives to the Board meetings, and follows up on community concerns. Yomes expressed respect for Mayor Caldwell. Yomes added that area representatives are doing a good job. Chair Baird agreed and reiterated if the Governor is disconnected from the community.

Representative Aaron Johanson: Cody Hensarling distributed the written report and highlighted the following:

- Red Hill Fuel Tank Leak: Last week the U.S. Navy and Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Hawaii state Department of health (DOH) came to an agreement and signed the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the Navy's Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Annual meeting will be held by the AOC signing parties to update the public on the progress of the various actions required under the order. The AOC signing puts into motion specific required actions, which are meant to help protect Oahu's drinking water resources by continuously upgrading the facility with the best available practicable technology. Scoping meetings will be held with the regulators within the next 30 days to identify current alternatives and requirement of specific deliverables.
- Watershed: Representative Johanson toured the Halawa Shaft Facility with other representative and noted that much reform is needed in the system, such as past performances and consequences. In 2013 a de facto was added to the procurement law (low bid). Per the State's procurement officer accountability and consequences was introduced into the bill.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Misappropriated Contaminated Soil: Pepper asked for an update. Representative Johanson had no updates at this time. Pepper expressed concern of what happened to the soil and where it was put.

U. S. Military: Victor Flint reported the following:

- Red Hill Fuel Tanks: The Navy continues to work with Hawaii's U.S. delegates. Relating to Senator Wakai's written report (Fuel Leak Agreement Filled with Holes).
- Radford High School Contaminated Soil: A Navy remediation program can be found online. Sod cannot be laid over the soil until the DOE's part is done. The Navy portion of the work is completed.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

1. Comment: Regarding Senator Wakai's report, Yomes noted, can the Navy today say that the water is not contaminated. Flint replied that the water is not contaminated and would have brought the BWS report if he knew that the question would be asked. Flint pointed out that the question is hurtful because according to BWS the water is safe. Yomes pointed out being a member of the Red Hill Facility task force and attends all the meetings and toured the facility. The area is mostly military personal also represented by Neighborhood Board 18 represents and impressed with the Navy's efforts in updating concerns from the Board. Yomes requested that a BWS representative attend the Board's November meeting to answer questions regarding the issue.
2. Updates: Spadinger asked if the Navy could provide periodic updates. Flint noted that information reported by the media is provided by the Navy, but twisted by the media. All Navy provided information is transparent. Borland requested that a Navy representative attend a future Board meeting.
3. Contact Information: Contact Denise Emsley at 471-7300 or email at [denise.emsley@navy.mil](mailto:denise.emsley@navy.mil) with any questions. Flint can be reached at 449-3931 or email [victor.m.flint@navy.mil](mailto:victor.m.flint@navy.mil).

Board member Lennard Pepper departed the meeting at 9:10 p.m.; **seven (7) members present.**

4. Navy Representative: Borland suggested having the Navy Captain attend a Neighborhood Board meeting. Chair Baird reminded all that the Board is recessing in December 2015 and more information could be provided at the January 14, 2016 Board meeting.
5. Comment: Senator Wakai noted the purity of the water was confirmed yesterday by BWS Managing Director and Chief Engineer Ernie Lau. Per Senator Wakai's written report, recent studies show a spike in levels of hydrocarbons, which the Navy claims meet federal and state drinking water standards. The problem with the **assessment is that there are no set standards for acceptable amounts of hydrocarbons. The first course of action** is to double line the underground fuel tanks. Yomes respectfully disagreed, and relayed confusion due to being told earlier specifically that the water is not contaminated. Yomes asked for the true facts and due diligence. Senator Wakai mentioned being told last month that the water is contaminated. Chair Baird add that hydrocarbon is a direct contaminant from fuel everywhere. Flint mentioned that at a task force meeting Lau reports facts from BWS. Flint took offense, calling attention to the fact that the Navy does its own testing and does not want the water polluted. Yang will pass on the request for Mr. Lau to attend a future Board meeting.
6. Comment: A resident noted that rain in Halawa Valley goes to the BWS aquifer, the pump station and then filtered. Yang answered that most wells do not have a filter system. The wells pump the water to the reservoirs for storage. The water is chlorinated in the aquifer before pumped to the reservoir.

7. Pollutants Testing: It was asked and answered that sample testing for pollutants is taken from the closest aquifer closest to the reservoir.
8. Hydrocarbon: Follow up will be done regarding if hydrocarbon is caused by combustion.

## PRESENTATIONS

Salt Lake Debris Basins: Randall Wakumoto of the City Department of Environmental Services Storm Water Quality Branch, introduced Jeremy Michelson who presented the following:

- Program: The Salt Lake project is part of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) storm water program. Oceanit has met with Representative Ichiyama and pre-consultant letters were sent.
- Handouts: Handouts were circulated showing the Salt Lake Project site locations.
- Overall Basin Dimensions: Basin depth if four (4) feet, width 70 feet, length 80 feet, side slope 30% maximum and soil volume 6,000 cubic feet. The City will do yearly maintenance at the debris basins.
- Salt Lake Pollution Control Devices: Include an underground hydrodynamic separator topped with a manhole cover on Ala Opeha Place. Automatic retractable screens, eight (8) feet in diameter and 15 feet deep to be maintained by the City twice yearly.
- Fencing: A six (6) foot chain link fence will be installed along Likini Street.

Questions, comments and concerns followed: Project: Spadinger noted doing research, and asked if the periodic project (2002) was done properly in the past. Michelson replied that improving the water in Salt Lake is an ongoing process. Wakumoto noted that in 2012 the University of Hawaii (U.H.) research the water quality for the Salt Lake area. Spadinger asked if the project is similar to the one presented this evening.

BOARD BUSINESS: None.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Salt Lake Boulevard Widening: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Baird reported on Board correspondence received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Spadinger reported September 2015 expenditures of \$16.47, leaving a balance of \$321.41. The report was filed.

BOARD REPORTS: There were no Board reports.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting Agenda Requests: Catholic Charities of Hawaii and the Board of Water Supply.
- Next Meeting: The next regular Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood Board No. 18 meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) Fred Ballard meeting hall, 1298 Kukila Street, Honolulu, HI 96818.
- Broadcasts: Broadcasts of Board meetings are aired on `Olelo Channel 49 on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 p.m.; and the second and fourth Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant  
Final Review by: Chair Larry Baird.